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Dear Sir or Madam:

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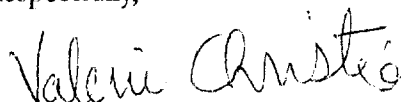
Please accept this letter in response to your request for public comments regarding egg borne diseases.

The most apparent and humane answer to reducing contamination involves banning unnatural and barbarous farm practices such as forced molting. Reportedly, in addition to being cruel, forced molting injures hens' immune systems leading to infectious diseases in hens, eggs and human consumers of eggs.

According to United Poultry Concerns, the FDA was petitioned in April of 1998 to disallow forced molting but has yet to do so. This petition should be granted without further delay.

Thank you for your attention to this serious matter.

Respectfully,



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